



NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the July 21, 2010 Meeting

DATE: July 8, 2010

1. POTENTIAL FUNDING OF THE DORSEY DRIVE INTERCHANGE

Staff from the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC), Caltrans District 3, the City of Grass Valley, and Nevada County have been looking at how to bring funding together to construct the Dorsey Drive Interchange Project as soon as possible. The current construction cost estimate is \$15 million. The attached chart was prepared to show the various potential funding sources and their combined totals that could be used toward constructing the project.

When reviewing the attached chart, it is important to keep the following facts in mind:

1. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has approved \$10.5 million for construction in FY 2012/13. Moving those funds to FY 2011/12 would require another approval from the CTC;
2. NCTC has an unprogrammed balance of \$5.0 million of Regional Improvement Program funds. Approvals from both CTC and the NCTC would be required before the funds could be used;
3. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors would need to approve a funding agreement before Nevada County mitigation fees could be used for the Dorsey Drive Interchange project;
4. Utilizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the Dorsey Drive Interchange is a potential, but the idea has not been discussed by the NCTC nor its member agencies;
5. Grass Valley plans to submit an application for Transportation Investments Generate Economic Recovery (TIGER) II funds. The announcement of grant awards is expected in the fall of 2010;
6. Utilizing Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) and Nevada County mitigation fees may make the project eligible for state-local partnership funding;
7. Any escalation rate for construction costs are a "guess" at this time, but based on historic rates and current forecasts, escalation rates above 5% seem unlikely.

On June 23rd a meeting was held at the Caltrans District 3 office with District Director Jody Jones to discuss possible scenarios for proceeding with the project. As a result of that meeting, Caltrans Project Manager Winder Bajwa will be scheduling a meeting with Caltrans Design staff and staff from local jurisdictions to see if the project scope can be adjusted to reduce the cost of construction. Any

ideas that come from that effort will be brought to NCTC and the City of Grass Valley before they are implemented.

2. WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The consultant firm, Transit Resource Center, completed the last segment of the Administrative Draft of the Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan (WNCTDP) on July 5, 2010. After reviewing the Administrative Draft document, NCTC staff and Susan Healy-Harman, Transit Services Manager, determined that additional work was needed. Therefore, the presentation of the draft WNCTDP to the Transit Services Commission (TSC) has been pulled from the July 21, 2010 TSC agenda. A special meeting of the TSC may be scheduled in August for a presentation of the draft WNCTDP.

3. NEVADA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

NCTC staff is working on the five-year update of the Nevada County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The purpose of the 2010 Nevada County RTP is to establish policy guidance and identify regional transportation improvements that are planned for implementation over the next twenty years in Nevada County. To qualify for federal or state funding, regional transportation projects must be included in or be consistent with the plan.

The schedule for adoption of the 2010 RTP includes the following major milestones:

- 30-day agency and public review period for the Notice of Preparation of a draft environmental document from June 24 to July 23, 2010;
- Release of the draft 2010 RTP for public review (September 2010);
- Release of the draft environmental document for a 45-day public review period (September 2010);
- Public workshop on the draft 2010 RTP at the November 17, 2010 NCTC meeting;
- Public hearing on the draft environmental document at the November 17, 2010 NCTC meeting;
- Certification of the final environmental document at the January 19, 2011 NCTC meeting;
- Adoption of the 2010 RTP at the January 19, 2011 NCTC meeting.

4. TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT LAND USE MEMBERSHIP

On May 18th the Placer County Board of Supervisors appointed Jennifer Montgomery, Placer County 5th District Supervisor to serve on the Truckee Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). Ann Holman, Placer County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, notified me that the Placer County City Selection Committee will meet on July 22nd to make their appointment. Once the Placer County City Selection Committee has made their appointment, NCTC staff will schedule the first meeting of the Truckee Tahoe ALUC.

5. TRUCKEE FOLLOW-UP TO THE TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Town of Truckee staff report that the Town has entered into a contract with Moore and Associates to assist with the implementation of recommendations from the Triennial Performance Audit. A kick-off meeting for the contract will be held on July 14th. The scope of work calls for Moore and Associates to develop contractor performance measures for Truckee's Transit Services along with a performance

tracking system. They will also work to improve the transit system monthly reporting and to develop a Policies and Procedures Manual for Town staff. Moore and Associates will spend six days on-site working in Truckee, as well as, forty hours off-site preparing contract-deliverable documents.

6. NEVADA COUNTY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PLAN

On June 10th NCTC staff and the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Pedestrian Improvement Plan held a project kick-off meeting with Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants to review the project scope, technical approach, and public outreach. At the meeting, the PAC recommended that the name utilized for this project should be changed to the Nevada County Pedestrian "Improvement Plan" instead of the "Master Plan", to avoid having this project confused with the Western Nevada County Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Master Plan. The PAC consists of representatives from NCTC, City of Grass Valley, Nevada City, Town of Truckee, Nevada County, Caltrans, and Live Healthy Nevada County. Also in June, the consultant conducted video data collection of the existing pedestrian infrastructure, which will be supplemented by the inventory data collected by staff from the local jurisdictions during the month of July.

Public workshops are scheduled for August 3rd in Grass Valley and August 4th in the Town of Truckee. Additional outreach will be conducted at the August 5th Grass Valley Thursday Night Market, the August 7th Nevada City Farmers Market, and the August 12th Town of Truckee Thursday Night Market.

In September, the consultant will perform walking audits/field assessments of priority study areas in eastern and western Nevada County. After the data collection, public outreach, and walking audits are completed, the consultant will begin preparation of the draft report. The draft report is scheduled to be presented to the NCTC at their November 17, 2010 meeting for review and comment.

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Potential Funding: Dorsey Dr. Interchange

	FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	Total by Fund Source	Notes:
STIP (Regional Improvement Program)			\$10.50	\$10.50	Funds are programmed for 12/13 in 2010 STIP, if funding from other sources becomes available before 12/13 it may be possible to advance RIP funds.
RIP (\$5 Million unprogrammed balance)			\$5.00	\$5.00	Programming County balances will be a high priority for the 2012 STIP. The \$5 Million unprogrammed balance may be brought into play if approved by NCTC & CTC.
RTMF	\$0.39			\$0.39	If the economic recovery takes hold additional funds will be available.
Nevada Co. Mitigation Fees	\$0.68			\$0.88	This chart assumes that Nevada Co. would be willing to provide these funds in exchange for other funds that would be available beyond FY 12/13.
CMAQ		\$0.87	\$0.86	\$1.75	Funding for 11/12 & 12/13 is not certain, but based on previous Fed. Programs, it seems likely. NCTC has identified projects for 11/12 but could revise its project listings.
TIGER II		\$3.50		\$3.50	Pre-App due July 16, 2010, Final Application due August 23, 2010. Awards to be announced after Sept. 15, 2010
Federal Reauthorization Earmark				\$0.00	There is potential for funding to be included in the reauthorization, however the amount of funds and the timing of the reauthorization are very uncertain
State Local Partnership Funds		\$1.00		\$1.00	
Total Available	\$1.27	\$6.64	\$23.02	\$23.02	
		(FY10/11 plus FY11/12)	(FY10/11 plus FY11/12 & 12/13)		
Construction Cost Est. (June 10)	\$15	\$15	\$15		No cost escalation is shown at this time. Previous cost estimate (2008) was \$19 M. Two cost escalation scenarios are shown below.
Construction Support Cost	3.5	3.5	3.5		
Total Construction Cost	\$18.50	\$18.50	\$18.50		
Funding Deficit	(\$17.23)	(\$11.86)	\$4.52		

Construction Cost escalated 1%/Yr
 Construction Cost escalated 5%/Yr

	Estimate/Funds have good basis
	Estimate/Funds are uncertain